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In Favour of

The Ministers and Kirk-Session of the *Canongate.*

At *Edinburgh*, The Seventeenth Day of *November*, One Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Six Years.

ANENT the Petition given in to the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, Be the Ministers and Kirk Session of the *Canongate*, In behalf of such as have suffered by the late Fire there: *Shewing*, That where on the Seventh of *November* current, It pleased the Lord, in His Infinitely wise Providence to visit this poor place, with a most sad and terrible Fire, whereby Threety seven Familys were thrown out of Doors, their Houses Burnt to Ashes, The most of their Goods and Effects destroyed, by the Flames, and such of them as were thrown out on the Street, Broken, rendered useless, or stollen away, So that all the Inhabitants of these Houses have sustained such Losses, as cannot in all probability be Repaired, or they put in a Condition to live, without some Extraordinary Supply be allowed them, Most of the Inhabitants being utterly Impoverished, and disabled from following their Trades, whereby they may earn their Bread and keep their Familys together, the present Dearth, and scarcity of Victual, Exposing these Familys to starve for want, Unless Their Lordships provide some Remedy, and the multitude of Ordinary Poor, making them utterly incapable to afford any Supply to these Poor Familys by the ordinary Collections. *And therefore, Humbly Craving*, In manner and to the effect aftermentioned, as the said Petition bears. The Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, having considered the Petition given in, to them be the saids Ministers, and Kirk-Session of the *Canongate*, They hereby Appoint a Contribution to be made for the Relief of the Abovementioned distressed Persons, within the bounds of the Presbyteries of *Dalkeith, Haddingtoun, Lintulbow* and the Country Parishes of the Presbytry of *Edinburgh* at the Church Doores upon the Thirteenth Day of *December* next to come; And within the City of *Edinburgh, Canongate, Leith*, and *West-Kirk* Paroch, To be Collected from House to House, as the several Kirk Sessions shall appoint on such other Days as shall be most convenient: And in the Burghs and Towns of *St. Johnstoun, Dundee, Montrose, Jedburgh, Aberdeen Glasgow*, and *Kelso* upon the Twentieth or following Days of *December* next to come, to be Collected either at the Church Door, or from House to House, As the foresaid Burghs and Towns shall think best. *And Appoints* the Collections to be made within the saids Respective Places, to be given in to *Angus Black*, present Thesaurer of the Burgh of the *Canongate*, and *David White* present Kirk Thesaurer there, within fourteen Days after the ingathering of the same, In Respect the saids *Angus Black* and *David White* have before Extracting hereof, given Bond and found sufficient Caution, Acted in the Books of His Majesty's Privy Council, To employ and distribute the saids Collections for the relief of the foresaid persons, who have suffered in the said Fire, at the sight, and be the Advice of the Magistrates Ministers and Kirk-Session of the *Canongate*, And Ordains these Presents to be Printed and Intimate at the several Paroch Churches within the bounds foresaid, upon the Respective Lords Days preceeding the said Collections. *Extracted by Me*

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